

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Bruno BERGE  
Title: DROP CENTERING DEVICE  
Appl. No.: 09/937,508  
Appl. Filing Date: May 22, 2002  
Examiner: Darryl J. Collins  
Art Unit: 2873  
Conf. No. 2187

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:** (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

- ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on \_\_\_\_ but not considered.
- ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_.

b. Enclosed are:

- ☒ [ X ] Amendment/Reply.
- ☒ [ X ] Petition to Withdraw Application From Issue.
- ☒ [ X ] Executed Assignment and Assignment Recordation Coversheet (PTO-1595)  
(separate check for \$40.00 included).
- ☒ [ X ] Power of Attorney.

Miscellaneous:

- ☒ [ X ] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37  
C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of three months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

|  | Claims as<br>Amended | Previously<br>Paid For | Extra Claims<br>Present | Rate       | Fee Totals  |
|--|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------|-------------|
| RCE Fee 1.17(e):                                     |                      |                        |                         | \$770.00   | = \$770.00  |
| Total Claims:  | 33                   | - 20                   | = 13                    | x \$18.00  | = \$234.00  |
| Independents   | 8                    | - 4                    | = 4                     | x \$86.00  | = \$344.00  |
| First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: |                      |                        |                         | + \$290.00 | = \$0.00    |
| CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:                                    |                      |                        |                         |            | = \$1348.00 |

- ☐ [ ] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the  
total number of months checked below:

|                                     |   |            |           |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------|-----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Extension for response filed within the first month:          | \$110.00   | \$0.00    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Extension for response filed within the second month:         | \$420.00   | \$0.00    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Extension for response filed within the third month:          | \$950.00   | \$0.00    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Extension for response filed within the fourth month:         | \$1,480.00 | \$0.00    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Extension for response filed within the fifth month:          | \$2,010.00 | \$0.00    |
| EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:             |   |            | \$0.00    |
| EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID: -       |   |            | \$0.00    |
| EXTENSION FEE TOTAL                 |   |            | \$0.00    |
| CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:     |   |            | \$1348.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):                |            | \$0.00    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)     |            | \$130.00  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Petition to Withdraw from Issue Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2) |            | \$130.00  |
| TOTAL FEE:                          |   |            | \$1608.00 |

☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$0.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

☒ A check in the amount of \$1608.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

☒ A check in the amount of \$40.00 to cover the Assignment Recordation fee is enclosed.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date April 1, 2004

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